

degree in The Scholemaster. Some of Elyot's teachings are ".... after a few and quicke rules of grammer, immediately, or inter-lasyng hit therwith, wolde be redde to the childe Esopes fables in greke; in which argument children moche do delite. And surely it is a moche pleasant lesson and also profitable, as well for that it is elegant and brefe, as also in those fables is included moche morall and politike wisdomes;"¹ "Wherefore in his place let us bringe in Horace, in whom is containyd moche varietie of lernynge and quickenesse of sentence;"² "I wolde set nexte unto hym two boke of Ouid, the one called Metamorphosios, which is as moche to saye as, chaunge of men in the other figure or fourme; the other is entitled De festis: where the ceremonies of the gentiles and especially the Romans be expressed;"³ "Of which two oratours may be attayned; not only eloquence, excellent and perfecte. but also preceptes of wisdomes, and gentlyll maners; with most com odious examples of all noble vertues and pollicies;"⁴ "Isocrates concerning the lesson of oratours, is every where wonderfull profitable, havyng almost as many wyse sentences as he hath wordes; and with that is so swete and delectable to rede, that, after him, almost all other seeme unsavory and tedious; and in persuadyng, as well a prince, as a private persone, to vertue, in two very little and compendious workes wherof he made the one to kynge Nicocles, the other to his friend Demonicus wolde be perfectly kenned, and had in continual memorie;"⁵ "The utilities

1. The Boke Named the Governour, p 35.

2. op. cit., p 39.

3. op. cit., p 39.

4. op. cit., p 42.

5. op. cit., p 42.